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TO ALL AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS

AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

XMT AMEMBASSY COTONOU

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 2895 ACTION SECSTATE INFO LONDON PARIS  
MOSCOW BUCHAREST ISLAMABAD PANAMA GEORGETOWN DAR ES SALAAM  
COTONOU TRIPOLI ROME STOCKHOLM TOKYO PEKING TEL AVIV NAIROBI  
CONAKRY 15 JUL QUOTE

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TAGS: PFOR, UNSC, UG, IS, US

SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL: UGANDA RESCUE

1. US/UK DRAFT RES VOTED ON BY SECURITY COUNCIL EVENING  
JULY 14 WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS: 6 IN FAVOR (US, UK, FRANCE,  
ITALY, SWEDEN, JAPAN); NONE AGAINST; TWO ABSTENTIONS (PANAMA,  
ROMANIA); 7 "NOT-PARTICIPATING" (USSR, PRC, PAKISTAN,  
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GUYANA, BENIN, LIBYA, TANZANIA). DRAFT RES THUS NOT

ADOPTED FOR FAILURE RECEIVE 9 AFFIRMATIVE VOTES. "AFRICAN" DRAFT WHICH DID NOT HAVE REQUISITE AFFIRMATIVE SUPPORT TO PASS, WAS WITHDRAWN BY TANZANIA PRIOR TO VOTE. SUMMARY OF DAY'S PROCEEDINGS BY SEPTEL. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S STATEMENT IN EXPLANATION OF U.S. VOTE, FOLLOWING VOTE.

QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT, BEFORE MAKING A FEW CONCLUDING REMARKS, I SHOULD LIKE TO JOIN OTHERS IN EXPRESSING MY GOVERNMENT'S CONDOLENCES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FOR THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT GUSTAV HEINEMANN, FOR WHOM WE HAD GREAT RESPECT IN MY COUNTRY AND WHO REPRESENTED A COUNTRY WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS CLOSE AND ENDURING TIES.

MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS ON THE CONDUCT AND SUBSTANCE OF THE DEBATE WHICH WE ARE NOW CONCLUDING. THE UNITED STATES VERY MUCH REGRETS THAT THIS COUNCIL DID NOT TAKE POSITIVE ACTION AGAINST THE CRIMINAL ACT OF HIJACKING COMMITTED LAST WEEK AGAINST THE AIR FRANCE AIRCRAFT AND ITS PASSENGERS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE RESOLUTION WHICH WE COSPONSORED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM WAS A BALANCED ATTEMPT AT RECORDING THIS COUNCIL'S DETERMINED OPPOSITION TO HIJACKING, AS WELL AS ITS RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATES AND ITS CONCERN FOR THE LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE IN THIS TRAGIC INCIDENT. WE TAKE CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION THAT, WITH A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATING IN THE VOTE, NOT A SINGLE DELEGATION COULD BRING ITSELF TO VOTE AGAINST SUCH A BALANCED RESOLUTION.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE DEEPLY REGRET THE DEATH OF THOSE ON ALL SIDES OF THIS CONTROVERSY, THOSE WHO HAD NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACT OF TERRORISM WHICH GAVE RISE TO THE SUBSEQUENT EVENTS. WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES ONCE AGAIN TO ALL THE FAMILIES CONCERNED, AND PARTICULARLY TO THE FAMILY OF MRS. DORA BLOCH.

FURTHERMORE, WE ARE MOST SENSITIVE TO THE MAJOR POINTS STRESSED BY OUR COLLEAGUES FROM AFRICA DURING THIS DEBATE -- THAT SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATES MUST  
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BE SUSTAINED AND PROTECTED. THIS IS A NATURAL AND FUNDAMENTAL STANDARD TO WHICH MY GOVERNMENT FULLY ADHERES. AS MY COUNTRY REVIEWS ITS HISTORY IN THE YEAR 1976, WE PARTICULARLY RECALL OUR OWN KEEN CONCERN THAT THIS PRINCIPLE FROM THE VERY OUTSET OF OUR LIFE AS A NATION. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, VIEW THE EXCEPTIONAL NATURE OF THE INCIDENT ON ENTEBBE AS UNJUSTIFIED UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. AT THE SAME TIME, WE DO NOT SEE IT AS A PRECEDENT WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY ANY FUTURE UNAUTHORIZED

ENTRY INTO ANOTHER STATE'S TERRITORY THAT IS NOT SIMILARLY  
JUSTIFIED BY EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

THIS DEBATE HAS PROVIDED IN OUR VIEW A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY  
TO AIR THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF HIJACKING AND THE ISSUES  
SURROUNDING THE ISRAELI OPERATION AT ENTEBBE. THE DEBATE HAS  
HEIGHTENED PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENTAL AWARENESS OF THE REAL THREAT  
WHICH AIR HIJACKING POSES TO THE WORLD TODAY. THE SECURITY  
COUNCIL HAS PROVIDED A UNIQUE FORUM FOR A FULL DISCUSSION OF  
WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED AT ENTEBBE AND THE ANTECEDENT CAUSE  
OF THAT INCIDENT.

ONE LESSON HAS EMERGED CELARLY FOR ALL OF US IN THIS DEBATE.  
WE HAVE HAD IMPRESSED UPON US THE TERRIBLE TOLL IN HUMAN  
LIFE AND PROPERTY CAUSED BY HIJACKING AND THE USE OF INNOCENT  
PEOPLE AS HOSTAGES. MY DELEGATION HAS BEEN ENCOURAGED BY  
SEVERAL STATEMENTS MADE DURING THIS DEBATE BY MEMBERS OF  
THE UNITED NATIONS WHO HAVE STATED THEIR INTENTION TO PRESS  
FOR ACTION AGAINST HIJACKING BY THIS ORGANIZATION. IN  
PARTICULAR, WE APPLAUD THE STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WHO ANNOUNCED THAT HIS  
GOVERNMENT WILL URGE ACTION BY THE 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FOR INTERNATIONAL MEASURES TO PREVENT THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES.  
MY GOVERNMENT WILL STRONGLY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE FEDERAL  
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AND WE SHALL WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM  
AND WITH OTHERS TO ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS TO SUPPORT A CONVENTION TO THIS END. WE ARE PLEASED  
TO NOTE IN THAT CONNECTION THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
U.S.S.R., SPEAKING TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON JULY 13,  
SAID, AND I QUOTE, "WE ARE READY, ALONG WITH OTHER STATES,  
TO TAKE NEW ADDITIONAL MEASURES AGAINST ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL  
TERRORISM."

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THE SOONER ALL THE MEMBER NATIONS OF THIS BODY FORMALLY  
RECOGNIZE THAT HIJACKING IS A WORLDWIDE PROBLEM, THE SOONER WE  
TAKE POSITIVE STEPS TO DO AWAY WITH THIS PLAGUE OF INTERNATIONAL  
LAWLESSNESS, THE SAFER LIFE WILL BE FOR OURSELVES AND FOR  
OUR CHILDREN. UNQUOTE  
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